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BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT Gulf of Mexico OCS Region 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

August 25, 2021

Mr. C J. Looke III Walter Oil & Gas Corporation 1100 Louisiana, Suite 200 Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Looke:

Reference is made to Walter Oil & Gas Corporation's (Walter) Right-of-way (ROW) modification application (TIMSWEB submittal ID: 256034972) received by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Pipeline Section on August 18, 2021, for Pipeline Segment Number (PSN) 17826 associated with ROW No. OCS-G 28571.

Specifically, Walter requests a temporary cessation of operations for PSN 17826 until November 16, 2021. PSN 17826 has been out-of-service since May 20, 2021. The temporary cessation of operations is being requested due to corrosion on the riser at Platform A in Ship Shoal Area Block 224.

The table below describes the pipeline segment pertaining to the aforementioned application:

PSN	Size (NPS)	Length (feet)	Service	Origin	Termination
17826	4	7,049	Bulk Gas	SSWell No. 6 Ship Shoal Area Block 224	Platform A Ship Shoal Area Block 224

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1000(b), Walter's application is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The annual rental required by 30 CFR 250.1012 shall continue to be due and payable in December of each calendar year.
- 2. If the associated pipeline has not been returned to service and is not being used for the purpose for which the pipeline ROW grant was made by November 16, 2021 the ROW grant shall be deemed expired in accordance with 30 CFR 250.1014. As a reminder per 30 CFR 250.1010(h), the ROW holder must remove all pipeline segments and accessories associated with ROW No. OCS-G 28571 within one year of the effective date of the relinquishment or forfeiture (i.e. expiration). Furthermore, a decommissioning application must be submitted to the BSEE Pipeline Section to decommission PSN 17826 within 30 days from the effective date of the relinquishment or forfeiture (i.e. expiration).

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3. If at any time prior to November 16, 2021 it is determined that the use of PSN 17826 is to be permanently discontinued, an application to decommission the pipeline and relinquish the pipeline ROW shall be submitted to BSEE Pipeline Section.

Walter is hereby reminded of the following in the event PSN 17826 is not returned to service on or before May 20, 2022:

- 1. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1006(b)(2), the subject pipeline segment must be flushed and filled with inhibited seawater.
- 2. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1003(b)(1), the subject pipeline segment must be hydrostatically tested for at least eight (8) hours at a stabilized pressure of a minimum of 1.25 times the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) prior to return to service.

Sincerely,

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